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RECONNAISSANCE ASSISTANCE

REF: A. STATE 90650(DTG 220038Z APR 77)
B. ATHENS 3965 (DTG 221650Z APR 77)
C. DIRNSA DTG 230422Z APR 77

1. WE HAVE REVISED COST DATA FOR THE BASIC COMPONENTS
OF PROGRAM COST ESTIMATE IN REF A, PARA 4, ACCORDING TO
CORRECTED PROVIDED IN REF C, PARA 2, STILL RETAINING
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROGRAM COST OF \$13,880,282. WE HAVE ALSO
MOVED LINE ITEMS 4 AND 23 FROM LIST 2 TO LIST 1.

2. AS NOTED IN REF C, EVEN AFTER CORRECTIONS ARE APPLIED
TO LISTS 1 AND 2, THE TOTALS OF THESE LISTS STILL ONLY
"COME CLOSE" TO THE SUMMARIZED FIGURES LISTED UNDER NOTES
(1) AND (2). A PAPER WHICH IS ARITHMETICALLY INCONSISTENT
WOULD CONFUSE THE GREEKS AND GENERATE UNNECESSARY
QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION. THEREFORE,
WE PLAN TO DELETE THE UNIT COST AND TOTAL COST

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COLUMNS FROM BOTH LISTS BEFORE WE PROVIDE EQUIPMENT
AND COST DATA TO THEM.

3. ANSWER TO QUESTION IN REF C, PARA 3: WE HAVE NO
REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE GREEKS ARE LEADING UP
TO A REQUEST THAT THE US "GUARANTEE" AIRBORN RECONNAISSANCE
ESTIMATES. DURING THE LAST ROUND, IN RESPONSE TO OUR

DIRECT QUESTIONING, THEY CATEGORICALLY DENIED SUCH AN
INTENT. FURTHERMORE, THE STIFF US POSITION AGAINST
PROVIDING GUARANTEES FOR NEA MAKRI OR THE GREEK DCS
SHOULD DISCOURAGE ANY SIMILAR IDEAS THE GREEKS MAY
HAVE IN RELATION TO THE AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE ISSUE.
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